

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 111**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Buchanan**

January 27, 2010

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to California Civics Day for Teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 111, as introduced, Buchanan. California Civics Day for Teachers.

This measure would proclaim the first Friday in December as California Civics Day for Teachers, and would urge all local educational agencies to encourage teachers to participate in professional development opportunities focused on civics on that day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Civic education is vital to the development of the  
2 skills and knowledge needed to become an informed and engaged  
3 citizen; and  
4 WHEREAS, Studies show that most pupils lack a proficient  
5 understanding of civics, including government, history, law, and  
6 democracy; and  
7 WHEREAS, A teacher's knowledge and understanding of civics  
8 and government and the ability to communicate with and inspire  
9 pupils are essential in providing pupils with high-quality instruction  
10 in civic education; and  
11 WHEREAS, Teachers should be encouraged to participate in  
12 professional development opportunities that broaden their

1 knowledge and enhance their ability to provide high-quality  
2 instruction in civic education; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the first Friday  
5 in December as California Civics Day for Teachers, and urges all  
6 local educational agencies to encourage teachers to participate in  
7 professional development opportunities focused on civics on that  
8 day; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
10 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.